



**MINUTES OF
ALAMEDA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING FOR OCTOBER 12, 2010**



DATE: Tuesday, October 12, 2010
TIME: 5:05 p.m.
PLACE: Room 360, City Hall, corner of Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street,
Alameda, CA 94501

1. ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jordan Flores, Vice-Chairperson Samantha Chin, Jeanette Mei, Bhaani Singh

Staff: Patrick Russi, Recreation Supervisor (RS)
Andy Wong, Teen Coordinator (TC)

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Nomination and Selection of Chair (Action Item)

M/S/C **Singh / Chin** (Unanimously approved)

“That Jordan Flores be elected Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission”

B. Nomination and Selection of Vice Chair (Action Item)

M/S/C **Singh / Flores** (Unanimously approved)

“That Samantha Chin be elected Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission”

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA

RS Russi requested the Youth Advisory Commission to assist at the 7th Annual Howl-O-Ween Parade & Costume Contest at the Alameda Small Dog Park, on Sunday, October 24th, 2010, from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Chairperson Flores assisted last year, Commissioner Chin is interested in assisting. Commissioner Chin stated she will request more student volunteers from Alameda Science and Technology Institute to assist in the event.

4. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recruitment of Youth Advisory Commissioners (Discussion / Action Item)

Chairperson Flores stated that using Facebook to recruit new members is another possibility. More teenagers are more willing to find out more about the Youth Commission if they find it on Facebook. T/C Wong stated that there are several applicants that are scheduled for interviews. R/S stated the idea on use of social media/networking is a good idea.

B. Promotion of Alameda Youth Advisory Commission (Discussion / Action Item)

T/C Wong also stated that the City of Alameda is updating their Website. The new web address will be more user-friendly with www.CityofAlameda.gov. Use City's Web Page and Facebook as an alternative when promoting.

C. Candidates Forum (Discussion / Action Item)

T/C Wong stated that the Candidates Forum will be held on Wed. Oct. 20th, sponsored by Alternatives in Action, Home Base. Since this is youth driven, the Youth Commission was invited to assist with questions to the Candidates on issues concerning youth in Alameda. Commissioner Singh will be attending and Chairperson Flores was not sure due to work schedule.

6. UNFINISHED BUSSINESS

A. Community Service Resource Guide for students (Discussion / Action Item)

Chairperson Flores, stated that he is working on the updates for the Resource Guide, he had contacted Mastick Senior Center, Midway Shelter, and Volunteers of America. Commissioner Singh stated that she contacted the schools for their required community service hours prior to graduation. The following schools require 20 hours; Lincoln and Wood Middle Schools, Alameda and Encinal High Schools. Commissioner Singh is still waiting for a reply from Academy of Alameda.

Chairperson Flores stated the Island High also required 20 hours.

Commissioner Chin stated that Alameda Science and Technology Institute requires 20 hours prior to graduation.

Commissioner Mei stated that Saint Joseph Norte Dame High School, Freshman and Sophomore class requires 15 hours each year; and the Juniors and Seniors class required 25 hours each year.

R/S Russi, reminded the Youth Commission to be sure to put "DRAFT" on their work to avoid confusion.

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, GENERAL

TC Wong invited the Youth Commission to the 7th Annual Teen Haunted House. The planning meetings are Wednesdays; the clubs are signed up and are ready for a great scare. R/S Russi stated monies raised benefit future teen events, such as Friday Night Lights, Overnight Mystery event, etc.

Commissioner Singh announced that the 20th Annual Citywide College Night will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 13, at Encinal High School from 6 PM – 8 PM.

8. Next Meeting Date:

Tuesday, November 9, 2010; 5:00 PM

9. Adjournment

6:02 PM